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TO SAUDI ARABIA

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SUMMARY: MFA OFFICIAL EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. HE SAID THAT PAKS WERE REASSURED BY SAG INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE CLOSEST TIES WITH PAKISTAN. SAUDIS HAD EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER BANGLADESH DECISION NOT TO BECOME AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC BUT HAD AGREED NOT TO RESCIND THEIR EARLY RECOGNITION OF NEW DACCA GOVERNMENT. PAKS HAD CALLED SAUDI ATTENTION TO PRESSURES ON PAKISTAN FROM SOVS, INDIANS, AND AFGHANS, HAD WARNED SAUDIS
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OF DANGERS TO SECURITY OF PERSIAN GULF/ARABIAN

PENINSULA AREA IMPLICIT IN THIS, AND HAD SPOKEN OF SPECIAL USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAK SECURITY. SAUDIS, ACCORDING OFFICIAL, HAD AGREED WITH PAK ASSESSMENT AND THOUGH STATING THAT IT WAS UP TO AMERICANS TO SAY WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PAKISTAN WERE, HAD UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE THEIR OWN VIEWS KNOWN TO USG.

OFFICIAL SAID SAUDIS HAD ADOPTED A HELPFUL POSITION IN RESPONSE TO PAK REQUESTS FOR FIANANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEFENSE PURCHASES. HE SAID SAUDIS HAD NOT PRESSURED PAKS TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THEIR OWN IN SUPPORT OF EGYPT-ISRAEL ITERIM AGREEMENT. DISCUSSING AGREEMENT, HE SAID IT WAS WELCOME FIRST STEP BUT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER MEASURES LEADING TO SECURE PEACE. HE NOTED THAT OVER-RIDING NEED WAS FOR ARAB UNITY AND SAID THAT PAKISTAN, WHICH HAD BEEN HURT IN THE PAST BY ITS PARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE MORE CONSERVATIVE ARAB GROUP, DID NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN INTER-ARAB DISPUTES SIMILAR TO THE ONE PROMPTED BY THE SIGNING OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (NEAR EAST) SHAHID AMIN BRIEFED POL COULSELOR SEPTEMBER 15 ON PM BHUTTO'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. AMIN, WHO HAS SERVED IN JIDDA, ACCOMPANIED PM TO SAUDI ARABIA AND WAS MFA "ACTION OFFICER" FOR THE TRIP. HE HAD BEEN AWAY FROM JFA ON PERSONAL BUSINESS SINCE HIS RETURN, DELAYING THE BRIEFING.

2. AMIN SAID THE TRIP HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN GIVING THE TWO SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS, SOMETHING WHICH DESPITE THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THEM THEY HAD NOT REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO DO BEFORE. THE VISIT ALSO PROVIDED THE PAKS AN OCCASION TO GET TO KNOW THE NEW SAG LEADERSHIP.

3. AMIN SAID THE PAKS WERE PLEASED AND REASSURED BY THE ATTITUDES OF KING KHALED, PRINCE FAHD, AND THE NEW SAG LEADERSHIP. THEY FOUND THEM JUST AS INTERESTED AS KING FAISAL HAD BEEN IN
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MAINTAINING THE CLOSES TIES WITH PAKISTAN; SOME THOUGHT EVEN MORE SO. AMIN DESCRIBED KHALED AS WELL VERSED IN PAK AFFAIRS BOTH AS A RESULT OF HIS OWN VISITS TO PAKISTAN(IN 1954 WITH KING SAUD AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON PRIVATE TRIPS) AND OF THE PRESENCE OF PAKISTANI ADVISORS IN HIS RETINUE. KHALED, HE SAID, HAD GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SPECIAL PERSONAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE PAKS, HOSTS A DINNER (AMIN SAID THIS WAS ORDINARILY

DONE BY THE CROWN PRINCE) AND OPENING THE HOLY KAABA FOR THE VISITORS. HE SAID KHALED SEEMED VERY MUCH IN CHARGE AND EXERCISED OBVIOUS AUTHORITY OVER THE OTHER SAUDI DIGNITARIES DURING THE MEETINGS HE ATTENDED. HE CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT THE KING HAD PLAYED A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROCEEDINGS THAN THE GOP REPS HAD ANTICIPATED.

4. BANGLADESH. ACCORDING AMIN, SAUDIS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT CONTRARY TO EARLY REPORTS BANGLADESH HAD NOT BECOME AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC. THEY TOLD PAKS THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM MUSLIMS "IN MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PAKISTAN", URGING THAT THEY WITHDRAW THEIR RECOGNITION OF NEW BDG. PAKS HAD REPLIED (IN WHAT WAS SURELY, AND EXPECTEDLY, THE MOST EMBARRASSING PHASE OF DISCUSSIONS) THAT DACCA COUP HAD REMOVED FROM POWER THOSE WHO HAD BEEN MOST IN FAVOR OF 1971 SECESSION AND THE MOST PRO-SECULAR AND PRO-INDIA, AND THAT ALTHOUGH FUTURE REMAINED UNCERTAIN TRENDS IN BD WERE IN DIRECTION BOTH GOP AND SAG WOULD FIND FAVORABLE. PAKS HAD ALSO TOLD SAUDIS THAT EARLY GOP AND SAG RECOGNITION HAD HELPED FEND OFF POSSIBLE INDIAN INTERVENTION. AMIN ALSO IMPLIED THAT PAKS HAD SUGGESTED TO SAUDIS NOW FAMILIAR LINE HERE THAT INDIANS HAD PRESSURED BENGALIS INTO GIVING UP ISLAMIC REPUBLIC DESIGNATION. UPSHOT OF DISCUSSION WAS THAT SAG AGREED NOT TO RESCIND RECOGNITION.

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5. PAKISTAN'S SECURITY. AMIN SAID PAKS HAD TOLD SAUDIS PAKISTAN WAS UNDER SIMULTANEOUS PRESSURE FROM USSR, INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN. ACCORDING AMIN, PAKS HAD SAID THEY WERE NOT CERTAIN IF THIS WAS BY CONCERTED PLAN OR TACIT AGREEMENT OR WHETHER THE THREE COUNTRIES WERE ACTING SEPARATELY. PAKS HAD WARNED OF DANGERS POSED TO PERSIAN GULF/ARABIAN PENINSULA COUNTRIES OF A NEUTRALIZED, WEAKENED, OR PRO-SOVIET PAKISTAN AND HAD DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS A PILLAR ON THE PENINSULA'S EASTERN FLANK. SAUDIS HAD AGREED WITH THEM. PAKS SAID THEY BELIEVED USG HAD SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAKISTAN SECURITY BECAUSE OF CENTO AND MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT. SAUDIS (AMIN MENTIONED PRINCE FAHD IN PARTICULAR) HAD SAID THIS WAS ALSO THEIR VIEW BUT THAT IT WAS OF COURSE FOR USG TO SAY WHAT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WERE. THEY HAD UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR VIEW KNOWN TO USG. IN DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS WITH INDIA, PAKS HAD REITERATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZATION PROCESS.

6. AFGHANISTAN. SAUDIS HAD GIVEN PAKS FULL SUPPORT AGAINST WHAT AMIN DESCRIBED AS "BOGUS AFGHAN PUKHTUN-ISTAN DEMAND". HE SAID THIS WAS IMPLICIT IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMATION OF "RESPECT FOR THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES". HE SAID THAT WHILE GOP WELCOMED ANY THIRD COUNTRY EFFORT TO INDUCE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW MORE RESTRAINED COURSE, SAUDIS FIRM COMMITMENT TO PAKISTAN POSITION AND LIMITED INFLUENCE SAUDIS MUSLIM LEADERSHIP ROLE HAD ON PRESENT GOA BOTH MADE ANY MEANINGFUL SAG ROLE IN RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE UNLIKELY.

7. AID TO PAKISTAN. AMIN SAID SAUDIS HAD ADOPTED A HELPFUL POSITION IN RESPONSE TO PAK REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEFENSE PURCHASES AND PAKS HAD COME AWAY ENCOURAGED. HE DID NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS. HE SAID THAT LITTLE CONCRETE WAS ACCOMPLISHED

IN THE AREA OF SAG ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN AND SUGGESTED THAT THE MEETING HAD NOT BEEN CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THIS. AS THE COMMUNIQUE STATES, BOTH SIDES REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO INTENSIFY ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND AGREED THAT THE JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION WAS THE BEST MACHINERY FOR THIS. AMIN SAID HE EXPECTED AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COMMISSION TO WORK UP NEW ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

6. THE MIDDLE EAST. AMIN NOTED THAT THE PAKS WERE STILL IN SAUDI ARABIA WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER VISITED TAIF AND WON SAG ENDORSEMENT OF THE EGYPT-ISRAEL INTERIM AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT THE SAUDIS HAD PUT NO PRESSURE ON THE PAKS TO MAKE A SIMILAR PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT.

9. DISCUSSING AGREEMENT IN LENGTHY ASIDE, AMIN SAID GOP WELCOMED IT AS FIRST STEP WHICH COULD LEAD TO COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELIS FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, RESTITUTION OF FULL NATIONAL RIGHTS OF

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PALESTINIANS, AND SECURE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST (INCLUDING, HE SAID, SECURITY FOR ISRAEL). IMPORTANT THING, HE SAID, WAS THAT FURTHER PROGRESS BE MADE: GOP WELCOMED USG STATEMENTS AFFIRMING THIS. AMIN NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOP PREFERRED NOT TO TAKE PUBLIC SIDES IN INTER-ARAB DISPUTE WHICH HAD SPRUNG UP FOLLOWING AGREEMENT. ARAB UNITY WAS OVERRIDING NEED AND, IN ANY EVENT, PAK INFLUENCE WAS LIMITED. MOREOVER, PAKS HAD SUFFERED IN PAST BY SIDING WITH ONE GROUP OF ARAB STATES I.E. CONSERVATIVES) AND DID

NOT WANT TO COURT SIMILAR PROBLEMS NOW. THEY HAD ALSO OBSERVED, HE NOTED, THAT ARABS WILL SUDDENLY RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND "IT IS THE OUTSIDERS WHO TOOK SIDES WHO GET THEIR FINGERS BURNED".

10. WE ARE POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT (NEA/ARP, NEA/PAB, AND INR/RNA) TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE, A LARGELY BLAND AND UNINSTRUCTIVE DOCUMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INSIGHTS EMBASSY JIDDA MAY HAVE ON MEETING. BYROADE

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